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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 1 February 1957

FROM : Acting Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 1957

1. Accomplishmentsa. Projects Completed

- 25X1A9a (1) CSM 439 "The Housing Problem in Poland", OFF USE,
by [REDACTED] published 16 Jan 57.
- 25X1A9a (2) CSM 444 "Claims of Steadily Rising Living Standards
in Communist China Deceptive", C, by [REDACTED],
published 24 Jan 57.

b. Status of Other Projects

- 25X1A9a (1) The Soviet section - [REDACTED], and
25X1A9a [REDACTED] are continuing work on the Soviet NIE
(10.1506); this project originally due 4 February
will be slightly delayed because of the necessity
of incorporating new information on 1956 plan
fulfillment.
- 25X1A9a (2) [REDACTED] is revising the retail trade material in
Sec 65 of the Soviet NIS.
- 25X1A9a (3) In January [REDACTED] completed an extensive review
of two projects in consultation with A/E: the NIE
on "Stability and Cohesion of the Soviet Satellite
Structure" (10.1644), and "Survey of Economic Develop-
ments in the European Satellites under the First Long-
Term Plans" (10.804).
- 25X1A9a (4) [REDACTED] is revising the projected PR on
Hungarian Light Industry (38.910) in light of the
Hungarian yearbook received by us in December and in
light of the uprising in Hungary in the last quarter
of 1956.
- 25X1A9a (5) [REDACTED] has started work on manpower and
investment in light industry for Sec 64 of the
Czechoslovakian NIS (30.1560).
- 25X1A9a (6) [REDACTED] is continuing work on the projected
RR on Chinese domestic trade.

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- (7) [REDACTED] is near the end of his work on the North Korean NIS (10.1053), for which he is acting as coordinator for Sec 64.

2. Training

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] is completing her statistics course, "Handling Quantitative Data."

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- b. [REDACTED] completed her Russian course, Phase I of "Economic Readings in Russian".

3. Trips

None.

4. Administration

Nothing to report.

5. Plans

In general, the branch plans to devote a larger part of its time to studying the intelligence implications of the over-all position of the consumer in Bloc nations and a smaller part to quantitative estimates of economy activity in light industry and domestic trade. Poland will probably be the first nation studied in this manner.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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